
Prince William has been speaking for the first time about his charitable work. The Prince is patron of 12 organisations. He says he wants to be more than just a royal 'ornament'. Our Royal Correspondent Peter Hunt reports:

This is part of Prince William's solution to **an age-old royal challenge** - what to do as a future king while you wait **to fulfil your destiny**. As well as **pursuing** his military career, William has been encouraging the charities **he's patron of** to work together. This has led, for example, to the mountain rescue service taking some young homeless people from the charity, Centrepont, up a Cumbrian mountain **to improve their self-confidence**. Prince William says he's trying **to make a difference**.

Prince William: 'I think **there's a time and a place for being an ornament**. You know, shaking hands and **being at an engagement** and showing support in that way. But I think there's an awful lot more from **actually doing stuff**, and this is an example of what I just want to actually be more involved in, **doing a slightly different angle** on it.'

Prince William and Prince Harry are also setting up a charitable foundation so they can give grants to organisations they support.

Peter Hunt, BBC News

Vocabulary and definitions

an age-old royal challenge	a very old problem or puzzle for people in the royal family
to fulfil your destiny	to do what you were born or destined to do (for example, Prince William was born to be King)
pursuing	trying to do or achieve something, usually over a long period of time
he's patron of	he's a very important supporter of
to improve their self-confidence	to make them feel more confident about their own abilities and themselves, to give them a more positive attitude about what they can do and achieve
to make a difference	to make things better, to improve them
there's a time and a place for being an ornament	while it's appropriate at certain times to be someone that people want to look at, to be on display, at other times, it isn't. (An ornament is an object that is nice to look at but not very useful)
being at an engagement	attending a public function
actually doing stuff	being actively involved, participating (rather than just being an observer)
doing a slightly different angle	thinking about things in a different or unconventional way (note: the usual expression is 'coming at it from a different angle')

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